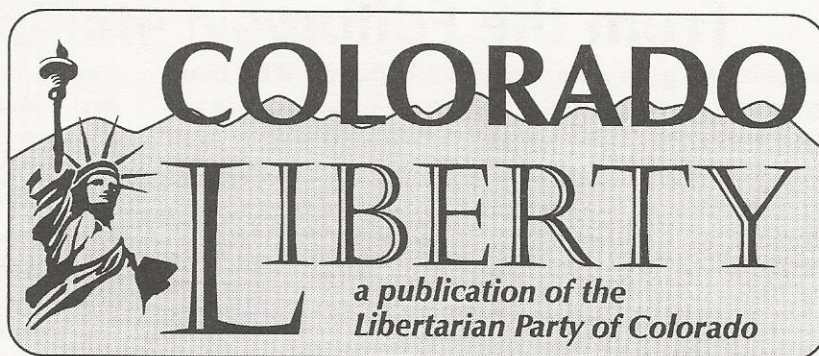


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## Paid Petitioners Sought

# Doug Bruce, TABOR Plan to Push Tax Cut Initiative

by Richard G. Combs

Last November, at the rather glum TABOR Committee election eve gathering, Doug Bruce announced that, with the failure of Amendment 12 and the passage of Referendum A, he was retiring from political activity. The powers that be had made citizen initiatives almost impossible, he said, and besides, he wanted to devote himself to his private life and business.

KCNC reporter Mike Fierberg told Bruce afterward that he didn't believe him. Fierberg insisted that Bruce would be unable to stay out of the public policy arena. For once, Fierberg was right. Doug Bruce is back, and he wants to cut your taxes!

He also wants to pay you to help him do it! Bruce would like to get a tax cut measure on the ballot this year. He is convinced that, given the restrictive rules now in effect, TABOR will need to pay for about 50,000 signatures to make it in the short time available. Bruce is personally pledging the funds needed.

"For our paid petitioners, I'd like to find fifty people each willing to commit to 1,000 signatures," said Bruce. "If you go to good locations, you can get a thousand in about fifty hours."

"We need to get a fast start," Bruce continued, "so I'm not interested in paying people to petition an hour or two a week. We need some people who can do this full time or almost full time—retired or unemployed people who could use extra money. Or you could use it as a fund-raising project!" Anyone interested can call TABOR at (303) 869-6306.

The initiative has been submitted to the title setting board, and has passed that hurdle. Clyde Harkins of TABOR advised us that it will likely be withdrawn, revised, and resubmitted very soon. TABOR wanted to be sure that the tax cut plan would meet the new "single subject" requirement before finalizing it, he explained.

see Bruce Pushing Tax Cut, page 3

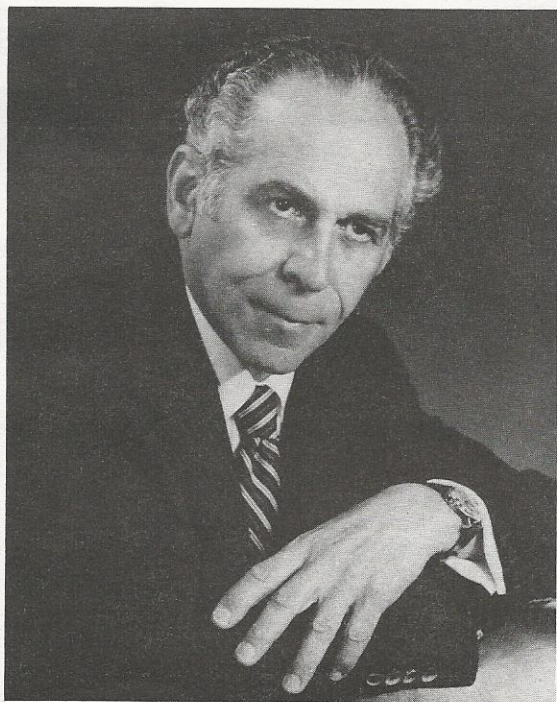
## It's Convention Time!

Featured speaker Dr. Thomas Szasz is undoubtedly the main attraction of the LPC's 1995 convention, followed by Neil Smith, Presidential candidate Harry Brown, and Mary Ruwart (who may be a Vice Presidential candidate). But the convention's purpose is to conduct essential party business, including electing a new Board of Directors. And the internal politics of the party are beginning to heat up.

Cooper Jager has said he will run for reelection as Treasurer. Rumor has it that former Communications Director Ron Bain of Boulder is planning to run for Chairman. He apparently wants to take more of an "in your face" approach to politics. Current Chairman David Aitken says he will run for reelection "to continue the pragmatic, professional approach that the party has seen over the past few years."

Aitken will propose that the convention adopt staggered two-year terms of office for the Board of Directors. This change, he feels, will strengthen the board by increasing productivity, stability, and institutional memory.

Make your plans now to participate in this important and exciting event. There's no time to lose! See page 5.



Featured convention speaker Doctor Thomas Szasz



## From the Editor:

Just before we go to press, I've been told that the RTD board has reaffirmed the expansion of light rail to Littleton. It was nearly unanimous, I hear. Only Dave Bishop voted no.

On page 9, you'll find a short opinion piece by Kevin Wilkerson, LP of Boulder County chair. It's condensed from a longer column in the February *Liberty News*, the LPBC newsletter. Go read it now. Then come back here. I'll wait...

...Oh, good, you're back! Did Kevin nail it, or what? I bet he wasn't surprised by the board's recent vote.

Folks, I think we screwed up—I mean you, me, Dennis Polhill, the free-market candidates he recruited, and all the Libertarians and free-market Republicans who thought we were being so clever in our scheme to quietly take control of RTD. We were too clever by half. And too unprincipled by more than that.

I certainly don't approve of everything the Republicans in the House of Representatives are doing (trashing the Fourth Amendment, for instance). But you've got to give them credit. In the face of withering criticism and unprecedented viciousness by the liberal establishment and its media mouthpieces, they have so far done a remarkably good job of remaining focused on their agenda.

What's been their secret? *They have their Contract!* When faced with vilification from the Dems, vacillation from their cohorts in the Senate, and wavering in their own ranks, someone has always been there to declare, "But it's in the Contract! This is what we were elected to do!"

Our friends on the RTD board don't have a contract, not even close. It's not easy to skulk around one day and stand proud and unwavering the next.

Dave Bishop's opponent accused him, in the *Denver Post*, no less, of being a radical who'd abolish RTD if he could. The voters elected him anyway. Is it a coincidence that he's the one stubbornly sticking to his agenda?

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## To the Editor:

I would just like to say that I really like the new *Colorado Liberty*! I liked the first issue the best. It was packed with good information and articles. I've noted, though, that subsequent issues have somewhat fallen back from the high standard set in the first issue.

I believe that this is due to the monthly publication time frame. I believe that the savings of postage, resources, and time from going to a bi-monthly schedule would allow a return to that high standard.

I highly recommend that conversion to a bi-monthly publication schedule should be considered for the future. Please let me know what you think.

Jeff Wright  
Colorado Springs

*Gosh, Jeff, what if we did it quarterly—imagine how good it would be then! Honestly, I'm biased. Show me a plan that means less work for me, and I'm for it. I suspect that many people wouldn't agree. Why don't you bring it up at the state convention?*

—Ed.

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# Affiliate News

## Aurora

The Aurora LP will have its reorganization and revival meeting on Monday, March 13th (2nd Monday), 7:00 p.m., at Shoney's Restaurant, 13700 E. Mississippi Ave. (S.E. corner of Mississippi & I-225). Larry Hoffenberg will be sending postcards to the entire Aurora mailing list (about 125 people) with more details. Or you can call (303) 750-2523 for more information.

## Boulder County

Judd Ptak, Kevin Wilkerson, and Jerry Van Sickle testified in the House State Affairs Committee in favor of Ron Tupa's bill easing ballot access laws. LPBC members have also been attending RTD board meetings in Denver and transportation meetings in Boulder in support of Jon Caldara, Boulder's newly elected RTD board representative.

The February 19 meeting featured Rebecca John of SWARM (Safety for Women and Responsible Motherhood, Inc.), who reported on the concealed carry bills in the legislature.

## Denver County

Denver's February 14 meeting began in near-blizzard weather. Only eight people, including speaker Peggy Loonan of NARAL, were brave (or foolish!) enough to come anyway. Due to the low turnout, all business was deferred until March, including choosing a new meeting place. The group had earlier reached a consensus that the location should be changed.

The March 14 meeting will feature not one, but two state lawmakers: Rep. Penn Pfiffner and Sen. Charles Duke.

## Northeast Colorado

The group is making a big outreach effort for their March 8th

### ***Bruce Pushing Tax Cut***, continued from page 1

In its current form, the initiative would give taxpayers credits on their state income tax for various ownership taxes that they pay, including vehicle ownership tax and business personal property tax. Each tax credit would initially be \$25, but in the second year, the maximum credit for each tax would rise to \$50. The amount would continue to increase by \$25 per tax each succeeding year. Forever.

Of course, your maximum credits could not exceed the actual amounts you paid, nor could they exceed your income tax (no negative income tax). But the plan gradually reduces everyone's state income tax burden until, eventually, the credits would offset completely their ownership taxes.

Interestingly, Bruce says he has crunched the numbers, and this proposal will not cut the state government's total revenues. Depending on economic assumptions, state revenues will continue to grow about 3% or so a year. Bruce is undoubtedly correct that this will be an important selling point when the critics start to howl.

But some of us consider it unfortunate.

meeting. They are advertising in local papers, and will probably show a video during the meeting. The meeting will be an introduction to libertarian ideas for the general public.

Steve Cummings, a libertarian in Fort Morgan, has been writing letters to the local paper about the school board; after seeing his letters, the board asked him to sit on an advisory committee. It has been suggested that he run for mayor of Fort Morgan!

## Park County / 285 Corridor

Marla Huizinga tells us we jumped the gun in our Calendar by assuming her group would meet at the same time and place in future months. The group hasn't picked a regular meeting date yet, and may be looking for another location as well. She notes that the group does advertise in a local paper. Or you can call her at (303) 838-4152.

## Western Colorado

State LP board member Dale Doelling has decided to run for city council in Grand Junction, and at press time he was the only candidate in his district. See his story on page 8.

Libertarians on the Western Slope haven't been meeting regularly lately, but they've had a number of phone contacts with libertarians new to the area, and they've been distributing copies of Mary Ruwart's book, *Healing our World*.

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# The Substantial Compliance Double Standard

by Larry Hoffenberg

If you've been reading *Colorado Liberty* and its predecessor *The CLiPboard* for the past year or so, you'll recall that in November, 1993, four Aurora citizen activists, including me, filed suit against the City of Aurora over alleged violations of the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) during the municipal election.

Just over a year ago, the Arapahoe County District Court ruled in favor of the City of Aurora. To expedite the proceedings, both sides agreed to take the appeal directly to the Colorado Supreme Court. The case was heard by the Court in January 1995. On February 8, they ruled in favor of the City of Aurora.

The case at issue claimed the election was illegal and unconstitutional by not complying with several election requirements of TABOR (Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution). The suit sought invalidation of the two (of eight) Ballot Questions approved by voters.

In its opinion, the Supreme Court acknowledged that in at least one specific charge, Aurora indeed did *not* strictly comply with TABOR. Nevertheless, the 6-0 ruling went in favor of Aurora.

The ruling is based on the "substantial compliance" standard, a troublesome criterion also relied upon this past September in the *Bickel* case, a TABOR challenge to 1994 Boulder Valley elections. The bottom line appears to be that governments have the prerogative to violate the Constitution, so long as "substantial compliance" and certain other considerations are met.

## **Critical Vote Due Soon**

# It's Time to Fight for Term Limits

by Dennis Polhill

Now is the time to get active on the term limit issue. Congress will vote in mid-March. Amendment #17 instructs the Colorado Congressional Delegation that they *must* support nationwide term limits of three 2-year terms in the U.S. House. That means the Dornan/Inglis Amendment. Support of any other version of term limits or non-support of Dornan/Inglis is a *violation of the Colorado Constitution*.

Write and phone Senators Brown and Campbell and your Representative. They must know they are being monitored. They know this is a powerful issue. A barrage of calls and letters can turn these votes, but we must act now. Allard is the only one supporting the right bill. Schaefer, McInnis, and Brown are pro term limits, but are supporting the wrong bill. Hefley, Skaggs, and Schroeder are opposed. Campbell's position is unknown.

The Colorado Term Limits Coalition is reorganizing by Congressional district, and is looking for term limit activists in all six districts. In the 1996 election, we will shift the vote five to

We the People certainly do not have the blessings of the courts to only "substantially comply" with the law! How many people are imprisoned each year for committing the most minor of infractions? How many taxpayers have been terrorized by the IRS for not precisely complying with their unintelligible and contradictory regulations? How many drivers have ever been ticketed for not coming to a 100% full stop at a STOP sign? How many doctors are found guilty of malpractice for the most minor of oversights? The list of situations in which good faith efforts may come up short, but which do achieve "substantial compliance" goes on and on.

This citizen-government double standard from the courts is troublesome any way you look at it. Perhaps the biggest question is: by absolving politicians, bureaucrats, and other petty officials who may err in their ways, is the Court also relieving them of their oath of office to "...preserve, protect and defend the Constitution..."?

PS: Let's not forget the Ruby Ridge, Idaho tragedy. The entire incident that resulted in the deaths of Randy Weaver's wife and son was premised on the allegation that he sold a shotgun with a barrel *1/2 inch* shorter than allowable by law. Let's hope the FBI and BATF are held accountable for their actions at a much higher standard than this dangerous notion of "substantial compliance."

ten points away from incumbents who defy the will of the people. Contact CTLC at 14142 Denver West Pkwy., #185, Golden, CO 80401 (303-278-3636).

Speaker Gingrich and US Term Limits have agreed in principle on the scope of a "federalism statute" to be passed by the Republican majority. This statute would reemphasize the right of the states to set term limits. We want this bill to pass.

Over 25 million people have voted for term limits in 22 states. Forty-two percent of the members of Congress come from term limited states. Both New Hampshire and North Carolina purged their state legislatures over term limits in 1994, and will be the first non-initiative states to pass term limits in 1995. Mississippi now has Initiative and Referendum due to term limits, and will pass term limits in 1995.

The first batch of term limited Congressmen will be elected as lame ducks in 1996 from California. The dynamic in Congress is changing rapidly. Let's work together to accelerate the rate of change.



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1:30-3:45 pm . . . **HARRY BROWNE, Presidential Contender**

3:45-4:00 pm . . . break

4:00-5:30 pm . . . BUSINESS MEETING 1...platform 2...constitution and by-laws

5:30-8:00 pm . . . dinner break

8:00-10:00 pm . . **L. NEIL SMITH An Evening With L. Neil Smith.**

Sunday: 9:00-10:30 am . . BUSINESS MEETING 1...elections

10:30-10:45 am . . . break

10:45-11:45 am . . **THOMAS SZASZ Conversations with Thomas Szasz.**

11:45-1:30 pm . . . lunch break

1:30-2:30 pm . . . **DR. MARY RUWART (tentative)** \_\_\_\_\_.

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	10:30-10:45 am . . . . .	break	
	10:45-12:15 pm . . . . .	JERRY EMANUELSON	<u>Life Extension</u>
	12:15-12:30 pm . . . . .	break	
	12:30-1:45 pm . . . . .	lunch DOUG CASEY	<u>Third World Fun For Profit</u>
	1:45-2:00 pm . . . . .	break	
	2:00-3:30 pm . . . . .	RALPH MERKLE	<u>Cryonics</u>
	3:30-3:45 pm . . . . .	break	
	3:45-5:15 pm . . . . .	GARY HUDSON	<u>Space</u>
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# Challenge to the Republicans

**N**OW THAT REPUBLICANS have seized control of the U.S. House and Senate, they have an obligation to live up to their campaign rhetoric — and “drastically reduce the size of the federal government.”

That is the blunt message of the Libertarian Party’s new “Challenge to the Republicans,” which is urging the GOP to immediately eliminate 21 specific federal programs, agencies, and policies.

“This list will serve as a litmus test of how serious the GOP is,” said LP National Chair Steve Dasbach. “Do they have the guts to actually abolish whole agencies? Are they willing to defend civil liberties? Are they willing to cut pet programs for their own special interest groups?”

The 21-item “hit list” features economic issues, pork barrel projects, personal freedom issues, and foreign policy. It includes Amtrak, the Selective Service, the Davis Bacon Act, the latest gun ban, “War On Drugs” civil liberties violations, and UN military expenses. [See complete list on this page.]

The “Challenge” was hand-delivered to the Capitol Hill offices of Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole in January by LP Director of Communications Bill Winter and National Committee member Don Ernsberger.

**T**HE LP IS PUBLICIZING THE “CHALLENGE” as widely as possible, and LP representatives have already appeared on more than 50 radio stations around the country to promote it, including WELI in New Haven, Connecticut; WMAL in Washington, DC; and WNDB in Daytona Beach, Florida.

“The reception from the talk show hosts has been overwhelmingly positive,” said Winter. “And there seems to be a general skepticism from the callers that the Republicans will live up to their promises. They seem to appreciate that we’re putting pressure on the GOP. I mean, they know the Democrats won’t do it.”

Dasbach said the LP was careful to select only “politically feasible” items for the “Challenge to the Republicans”

“Yes, there are worse examples of government waste and bigger ticket government programs we could have selected,” he admitted. “But we didn’t want the GOP to be able to dismiss this as a frivolous wish list. Our criteria was simple: Was legislation introduced in the House or Senate within the past two years to abolish, reduce, or defund this program? In other words, did Republicans *already* have an opportunity to eliminate this program?”

Dasbach said Gingrich and Dole were provided with legislative citations for each item.

“For example, with the space station, we cited HR 4624, an amendment by Roemer (D-IN) to terminate the project. With the Market Promotion Program (which gives money to large U.S. corporations to advertise agricultural products overseas), we cited HR 2493, a bill from Bryan (D-NV) to eliminate it: And for UN military expenses, we cited HR 3759, an amendment by Frank (D-MA), to eliminate a \$1.2 billion ‘slush fund’ for UN peace-keeping operations. We’re being very specific,” said Dasbach.

**I**N A FEW CASES, items on the LP list were just recently passed into law. “In those cases, the Republicans had an opportunity to block these bad laws, but didn’t,” said Dasbach. “Now they can correct that mistake, and repeal these laws.”

If fully implemented, the “Challenge to the Republicans” would produce immediate tax savings of at least \$4.5 billion, and would ultimately reduce the federal budget by hundreds of billions of dollars.

In a personal letter to Gingrich and Dole, Dasbach wrote: “For 23 years, the Libertarian Party has fielded candidates dedicated to reducing the size, cost, and scope of government. This past November, in many races, Libertarians faced Republican candidates who promoted the same libertarian themes of reducing government, deregulating business, reforming welfare, and expanding personal liberty.

“Voters enthusiastically embraced these themes — and elected the Republican candidates to the House and Senate. Now, Libertarian Party members

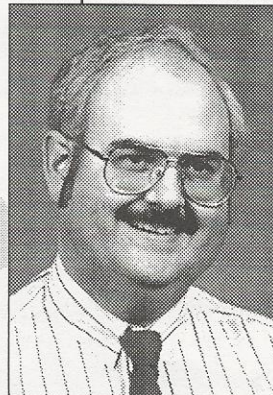
— and potential candidates — will be watching. Will the Republican Party be up to the task? Will you carry out the mandate given to you and reduce the size of government?” asked Dasbach. “We will be closely evaluating the job you do.”

## THE LP’s “HIT LIST”

- ✓ Amtrak
- ✓ The Corporation for Public Broadcasting
- ✓ The Civilian Marksman Program
- ✓ “War On Drugs” civil liberties violations
- ✓ The National Endowment for the Arts
- ✓ The Economic Development Administration
- ✓ The Appalachian Regional Commission
- ✓ The Interstate Commerce Commission
- ✓ The National Service Program
- ✓ FCC controls on 900 lines and cable TV
- ✓ The Selective Service
- ✓ Fossil Energy Research
- ✓ The Davis Bacon Act
- ✓ Subsidized grazing fees
- ✓ The space station
- ✓ The DC Domestic Partners regulation
- ✓ Shipping quotas and subsidies
- ✓ The Market Promotion Program
- ✓ The semi-automatic weapons ban
- ✓ Steamtown USA
- ✓ NATO and UN military expenses

**HOW YOU CAN HELP:** Write a polite and concise letter to your U.S. Representative and Senators, asking them to agree to abolish one or more items listed in the “Challenge.” Ask for a very specific response for each point: Will you abolish it? Yes or no. If they are Republicans, let them know that you are putting them to the test.

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✪ **LP National Chair Steve Dasbach warned the GOP: “We will be closely evaluating the job you do.”**



# Reach Out!

by Terry W. Donze

Columnist Linda Ellerbee is definitely not a Libertarian (yet). She quotes a letter from Eugene, Oregon in a recent column: "I'm a conservative on fiscal matters, but on social matters, my thinking is more liberal. Why can't I be for welfare reform *and* the rights of minorities?" This Oregonian has obviously not heard of the Libertarian Party.

The national Libertarian Party's goal is to double our size quickly because, as Rush Limbaugh notes, if the Republicans don't get their act together, 1996 will be a feeding frenzy for third party candidates.

My friends tell me I'm more active than most in pushing libertarianism (with a small *or* large "L"). But it's not any big deal to do. The important thing is to get the name "Libertarian" out (with a small or large "L"), so people like Ellerbee and her Oregon inquisitor will see it and start asking questions.

Are we embarrassed about being Libertarians? I have three cars with a Libertarian bumper sticker (with the 800 number) on each. Rarely do I see any others, even during elections. My wife's boss said she should be worried about being shot at with that sticker on her car, but I'm more concerned about her getting harassed by some statist thug. I love my country but fear my government; but I'm also proud of pursuing a philosophy of freedom and liberty. Are you? A bumper sticker is cheap advertising.

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## The most important part of reaching out is legitimizing the word "libertarian."

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I always have a few business cards of the "World's Smallest Political Quiz" in my wallet; they're available for pennies from national HQ or from Advocates for Self Government (404-417-1304). It's easy to bring up libertarianism in general conversation because it covers such a broad range of issues. When I do, I am invariably questioned about the philosophy. I usually give them a quiz to keep. Most are surprised that they too have libertarian leanings, giving legitimacy to the philosophy and to the party.

How many of you have gotten the small flyers from national or state HQ concerning libertarian issues? These are cheap (\$5/100), and several are quite good in defining a problem and explaining the libertarian position. I generally prefer the state-issued ones, since they have local as well as national contact information. When unfolded, the flyers fit nicely in a two-sided copier for reprints. Good general brochures are "Understanding the Libertarian Philosophy" (which includes the Nolan Chart), "Libertarianism: The Path to Peace, Prosperity, and Freedom," and "In Pursuit of Liberty." "Is Your Freedom in Danger?" addresses the general erosion of the Bill of Rights.

Everyone knows a friend who was called for jury duty. Ask them if they know what a fully-informed jury is, or whether their jury was one. Most likely, the answer will be no, but you will spark their curiosity and can give them the flyer "New Hope for Freedom," explaining the right of juries to nullify bad law.

Drugs, guns, and crime are always being discussed. If someone expresses concern about drugs, the flyer "Should We Re-Legalize Drugs?" may interest them, as well as "The Looting of America," covering civil asset forfeitures caused by the drug war. "Gun Control, Patriotism, and Civil Disobedience" is a good review of why we have the Second Amendment. I especially like the ad headlined "Which political party is 100% pro-gun rights?" These also fit nicely in a copier, and a few given to gun shops and target ranges are readily accepted for distribution. The summary of "Operation Safe Streets" is also a good handout on these issues, but its slightly larger format makes it harder to put in the inside pocket of a suit.

I've also gotten some good articles from the Americanism Educational League (714-522-7671) by Paul Craig Roberts discussing property rights and other constitutional issues. The new Libertarian brochures on taxes, health care, and erosion of the family budget are also quite good, and people are receptive to their message because these issues are of strong concern. I generally carry at least one each of all of the above flyers in my briefcase and can readily give somebody information if (when) they start complaining of some government-induced problem.

The Cato Institute (202-546-0200) has an excellent Policy Analysis series on a broad range of issues such as foreign affairs, welfare, federal spending, the environment, and many more, which evaluate the government policy and offer a libertarian proposal for reform. Their short one-page summaries are quite good at getting the point across. I've given several away since their cost (\$2 each for 5 or more) is quite low.

People never have enough time to read, however, so audio tapes are another good outreach format. People can listen while they do other things. I've excerpted a lot of information on government and social issues from Mike Emerling's political persuasion tapes and from tapes by the Advocates for Self Government, and duplicated these to hand out to my friends, who generally agree with much of what is said. The demo tape of "The Fourth American Revolution," David Nolan's new radio show, is also quite good. Any dual-deck boom box can dupe a tape quickly while you are doing other things.

I've caused several people to vote for Libertarian candidates (including my in-laws!) just by giving them information on their issues of concern. Now, if I can just get them to send money!

But I know they will once they realize we're for real. The most important part of reaching out is legitimizing the word "libertarian," getting it into the mainstream press and mentioning it in our conversation, so people like Ellerbee's Oregon correspondent are aware that we exist and are promoting *their* phi-



# Grand Junction City Council Races a Lonely Affair

by Dale Doelling

The Grand Junction City Council elections, with just six weeks to go, are having problems. It seems candidates are dropping like flies since announcing their intention to run. Two candidates, Earl Payne and Paul Jennings, announced recently that, after checking with the city clerk's office, they either don't live in the city limits or don't live in the district they intended to represent.

So, here's the current lineup. Janet Terry is the lone candidate for the at-large seat currently held by Bill Bessinger, who will not seek re-election. The District B seat has no candidate since Earl Payne discovered he did not live in the district. Jim Baughman, the incumbent, has yet to announce his intentions. Reford Theobald, the District C incumbent, has announced that he will seek re-election. The seat in District D has an interesting twist to it. Dan Rosenthal was elected to District D in 1993, but resigned when he married the secretary to a city administrator. Council appointed John Tomlinson to the seat last year to serve the 9 months until the election. The District D seat will be a two-year term instead of the usual four years.

I am running for the District D seat. John Tomlinson has announced that he is moving to the Front Range and will not be a candidate.

As a free market advocate, I believe that many services provided by the city can be privatized at a tremendous savings to taxpayers. I also plan to launch an assault on regulations and ordinances that restrict people from forming small businesses of their own. Mesa county has an extremely high percentage of people on welfare and extremely low average hourly earnings. The council continues to pass regulations that keep hard-working people from creating wealth for themselves. These arbitrary and capricious regulations must stop if we are going to benefit *all* of the citizens of Grand Junction.

Unfortunately, I can only do so much on the local level. We need to address these burdensome regulations at the state and

federal level as well. This is the only way we will ever solve the social welfare problem in this country.

I have also pledged to try and get out the vote on April 4th. Only 17% of the electorate bothered to vote in 1993. Is it any wonder that we have councilpeople fighting about who is going to be mayor and crying foul over the vote? I would like to see the people elect the mayor, but I guess the bigger question is, "Does anybody really care?" For more information on my campaign, call 303-241-7869, ext. VOTE.

*Editor's note: At press time, Dale Doelling was still the only candidate in District D.*

## Lessons from RTD

by Kevin Wilkerson

There are some lessons for Libertarians in what has happened with the new RTD board. We have seen a closing of ranks and a gathering of forces among those with a vested interest in the subsidized monopoly of public transportation: incumbent board members with ties to the transportation establishment, city governments, and representatives of the four percent or so of the public who actually use public transportation. These interests have rallied to stamp out the inclination for reforms that might benefit the taxpayers or the general public. The mass media, participating in what L. Neil Smith has characterized as its "sick, symbiotic relationship" with those in power, has handed mayors and other reform opponents a veritable megaphone, while consistently misrepresenting or under-reporting the positions of those in favor of taking a second look at the assumptions and purposes of public transit.

On reflection, I suppose that the only real surprise here is that any of us are surprised. The lesson is clear: if you actually do get elected, be prepared to be attacked, vilified, demonized, and discredited. The good news about all of this is that the media coverage has been so slanted and the tactics so obvious, that plenty of observant citizens, and even members of the Legislature, have been taking notice and getting irritated by it.

On the local level, I see two clear lessons from Jon Caldara's election and subsequent lambasting by city government and its lackeys at the *Daily Camera*. First, it is difficult to govern with moral authority when you haven't campaigned on the agenda you intend to pursue once in office. Jon, a free-market Republican, ran a "low-profile" campaign that focused on ends rather than means. This makes it difficult for him to claim he has any mandate from the electorate for free-market proposals. Second, once you are in office, opposing forces will try to browbeat you into returning to the center. This suggests that perhaps you should appear a little *more* radical during the campaign. If you're elected anyway, you have a clear mandate to pursue your stated agenda. If you're defeated, at least you can claim that your opponent's positions aren't universally supported either, and try to drag *him* a few steps in *your* direction.

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### **Reach Out!**, continued from page 8

losophy. The recent front page *Wall Street Journal* article, "Libertarian Impulses Show Growing Appeal Among the Disaffected," went a long way toward doing so.

But even a letter to the editor of your local paper with the word "libertarian" (with a small or large "L") somewhere in it gives credence to the philosophy and makes more people think about it. Letters and articles in organization newsletters can also mention "libertarian."

The more it is seen, the more credibility the word "libertarian" receives (with a small or large "L"), and credibility will advance the philosophy and the party exponentially. You may only be one small (or large) libertarian, but display and advertise it proudly, because *you* are the *true* advocate of individual freedom, America's last line of defense for liberty.



# random notes

## Activists Training Session Scheduled

The Liberty Alliance will offer an all-day activists training session on March 18 from 9 to 5. The workshop will be held at Restaurant Row, 5390 Wadsworth Bypass. Cost has been increased to \$12, and now includes continental breakfast, as well as a buffet lunch.

Scheduled workshop leaders include L. Neil Smith, Bob Glass, Paul Danish, and *Soldier of Fortune's* Robert K. Brown. If you want to get more information or sign up, call David Segal at (303) 296-4059 or Ed Cole at (303) 444-7296.

## Volunteer Wanted

When Dan Gallegos was persuaded to run for the RTD Board, he was told it would involve going to one meeting a month and spending a few hours preparing. It has turned out to be much more time-consuming, as you may imagine.

Dan could really use some help. Someone who can sort through some of the paperwork, check out the messages and requests for appearances, and help him with scheduling. It would be a perfect opportunity for someone thinking about campaign management, a candidacy, or applying for a position on a board or commission to get a feel for this kind of activity.

If you'd like to help, call or write the LPC office.

## "Friends of Taxes" Already Alerted

For the "You know they're out to get Doug Bruce" file: Balance Colorado, the organization which successfully opposed last year's Amendment 12, notified its members of Bruce's proposed changes to 1993's Amendment 1 even before Bruce's own TABOR Committee notified *its* members of the proposal. (See article on page 1.) Let's give TABOR our strong and generous support. "Thank You Doug Bruce" bumperstickers are still available from the LPC. See order form on page 11.

## RMN Features Rebecca John, SWARM

Congratulations and continuing success to Rebecca John, founder and chief spokesperson for SWARM (Safety for Women and Responsible Motherhood), for being the feature story in the *Rocky Mountain News's* Sunday Spotlight (February 19th). Rebecca and SWARM were also featured in an earlier *Denver Post* piece.

**There are men in all ages who mean to govern well, but they mean to govern. They promise to be good masters, but they mean to be masters.**

— Daniel Webster

## Arizona LP Activist Moves to Aurora

Welcome to Colorado and to the LPC, Doug Newman! Doug is a long-time Libertarian activist and former LP candidate for the Arizona state house. Once he is settled, Doug plans to take an active role in Libertarian affairs in Aurora.

## Good News on Ballot Access

The Colorado Coalition for Fair and Open Elections has had some success in moving HB1022 and SB1028 through the legislature. These bills would make it easier to run for county offices and the Colorado General Assembly. Both bills have passed the house in which they were introduced and are under consideration by the other chamber. Please call your state senator and ask him/her to support HB1022; call your state representative and ask him/her to support SB28.

## Second Amendment Holiday Proposed

Would you like to see April 19th a national holiday for the Second Amendment? Write J. Neil Schulman, PO Box 94, Long Beach, CA 90801; E-mail at internet:softserv@Genie.geis.com. Or better yet, the LP of South Carolina is pushing the idea through its Second Amendment Day Committee; contact Mary Lou Seymour, Drawer Q, Bath, SC 29816. Send \$4.00 for their "ideas packet".

*Editor's note: April 19 is the anniversary of the battles of Lexington, Concord, and Waco. A commemorative rally is planned for that day in Washington, D.C. Locally, the Liberty Alliance will commemorate these events at its Right to Bear Arms Rally on Sunday, April 23, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the State Capitol.*

## Libertarianism in the News

The *Wall Street Journal* (1/20/95) had a long, highly favorable article on the growing libertarian movement on the front page!

## Balanced Budget Rally Planned

United We Stand, America is holding a Balanced Budget Amendment rally on Saturday, April 15th, 10am to noon, on the west steps of the state capitol. David Aitken, LP of Colorado chair, will be one of the many speakers.

## Kudos to...

Producer David Bruno and host David Segal, whose TV show *The Body Politic* (KBDI Channel 12) on Feb. 19 beat *Colorado Inside Out* and *The McLaughlin Report* in the ratings! (Due to pledge periods, the show airs next on March 26. Catch it!)

Kim Grice for donating lots of diskettes to the office.

Bette Rose Smith, who gave a speech at Bear Creek High School recently. Nice work!

Terry Donze, David Aitken, and Larry Hoffenberg, who recently had letters to the editor published.



# Libertarian Party Directory

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- \_\_\_\_\_ I'm Pro-Choice on Everything
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# Calendar of Events

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7 a.m. Speaker. Pat Hartman, (303) 224-3116.
- 8 Northeast Colorado LP, Branding Iron Cafe at the Super 8 Motel,  
I-76 at Exit 125 (Sterling), 7 p.m. Bette Rose at (303) 228-4456  
or Trent at (303) 522-0328.
- 14 Denver LP, Palace Restaurant, 6265 E. Evans, 7:00 p.m.  
Speakers: State Reps. Penn Pfiffner and Charles Duke.  
(303) 296-4059.
- 14 Summit County LP. Call John Sabal at (303) 262-6369 for time  
and location.
- 14 & 28 Routt County LP, Off the Beaten Path Bookstore & Coffeehouse,  
Steamboat Springs, 7:30 p.m. Robert Jahelka, (303) 879-4127.
- 15 Jefferson Forum, Lakewood Library, 10200 W. 20th Ave., 7 p.m.  
Speaker. (303) 232-3960.
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